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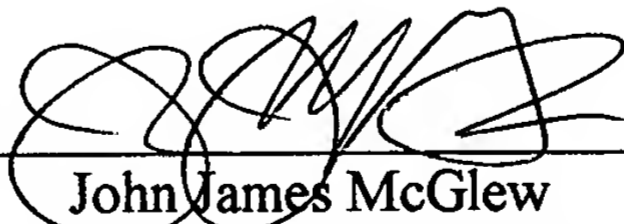
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The following reference has been cited by the German Patent Office in an Office Action dated April 29, 2003.

DE 87 05 667 discloses a spacer for pipes subjected to thermal loads. No translation is available at this time. However attached is an English language abstract. Further attached is the corresponding European Patent EP 0 309 524.

Consideration of the above reference is respectfully requested.

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